Unconsciously I came to associate her with had so long adored. Unconsciously I came to associate her with almost metry incident and emotion of my life. I sterotyped every furilling experience and every beautiful scene upon my memory, that I might reproduce them in my letters to bet a the fording of a stream by moon light, the scattered watch-fires in a distant valley; nay, even the furid panorama of a battle-field gained a new meaning, when looked at not merely for myself, but also for another. Our correspondence became more and more interesting to me, and vague day-dreams seemed to rise from it bright with rainbow hues of hope; but the close of the dreams seemed to rise from it bright with rainbow huse of hope; but the close of the war was still too remote, my own fate still too much at the mercy of a chance bullet, for me to seek to translate these misty possibilities into the clear contours of settled wishes and definite purposes.

The campaign opened in May. Forced marches, occasional skirmishes, and several battles kept us in constant activity. The mails were irregular, and the letters I always welcomed so gladly often delayed.

One morning, just before the opening of an important engagement, I met Colonel Benton, who had been for some time absent from the corps on detached service. Of course I inquired for his family.

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not but recall certain passages in her last letters in which she spoke of a friend—some elderly gentleman, I had inferred. In spite of myself I became more and more irated and troubled, until at last, pressing as were the duties of the day I stopped by the roadside, and, tearing a leaf from my order-book, wrote a few hurried lines:

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"If not I drawe no right to ask you to rememember me long; and yet, I can but hope that you have not forgotten me. Thousand Meat Safes, Giving the note to my orderly, with

strict injunctions to have it forwarded with the first mail from headquarters, I galloped hastily back to my post, and ere many hours Bar, Band and Hoop Iron. had passed, by one of the chances of war, Horse-Shoes, was wounded in the right arm, and made a

gotten experience of Southern prisons I the suffering from exposure to cold and wet in open stockades; the pestilential crowding into filthy, stifling jails; the comfortless MACKNET WIL hospitals, where unsuitable food and want of medicines made medical skill of no avail The loss of my arm and the fever that ensued taxed my vigorous constitution severely; but, thanks to the care of my comrades in misfortune, after a time I rallied and began to look forward to our release with painful impatience. The letters we were permitted to send were of the briefest description, and it was some menths before I learn- BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS.

ed to write with my right hand. I often thought of my last note to Bertha as an unconscious prophecy; since they were indeed the last lines ever written by that hands But I at you managed to scrawl the fact of my being ENGLAND, alive, and send it to her from Charleston. Perhaps it was foolish in me to dwell upon her memoryus Edide; but I could not give out it up, nor accept the report I had heard as true. Surely I should return some day to FOR ANY AMOUNT, AT THE LOWEST PRICES. ALSO find her all my fancy had painted all that her letters had shown her, and perchance-At last the war was over and we were released. How welcome was the sight of the old flag! how cheeting were the huzzas that greeted our return." I was free now to go in serrch of the re-

ply I had waited for so long: but partly circumstances, partly a tardy produced detarred me, and instead I wrote a 181 "A year has passed since I have heard M. R. DENNIS & CO. from you. May I come to see you instead of mining? Or have pon forgotten of Walter Dunbar. In reply I received the wedding cards of Miss Bertha Reed and Mr. Joshua Holmes. I stared blankly at the bits of pasteboard. It was hard to accept their testimony, and the packet of cherished letters that had been sent home with my other effects formed a singular commentary upon it one that might not have quite pleased the bridegroom

No she has not waited for me-perhaps however rejuctantly, to admit to myself that I had built my foolish hopes upon a very slight foundation. Certainly an adopt in flirtation would have considered our correspondence nothing more than a harmless pas-time, from which it was ridiculous to expec-any serious result. But I was piqued, in-dignant and bitterly disappointed at this sudden annihilation of all the fair visions with which I had so long beguiled my heart. I felt as if I had been cheated out of a treasure of vigne hopes and undereloped affection, and I resolved that for once at least I would see the womman who had tossed it away as a worthless bauble, and revenge myself by one scathing look and the withering from of a formal congretulation. ing irony of a formal congratulation of mar-

Chance seemed to favor my design, for that very day I met my old comrade in arms, Colonel Benton, who had come to the city on some business, and who maked upon my returning with him to his home, adding as an additional inducement, we are to have a grand wedding in our little town to-

awaiting the entrance of the bridal party, in we have no heateney in offering them to the many of conflicting emotions. My eyes sought enly its central figure of the sould have taken the state of the sta with a blind impatience of all else passing before them. She came at last but surely Wholesale Grain and Hay that was not the face of Bertha Reed ; thin, sallow and large-featured, bearing only a remote likeness to the beautiful picture I 449 BROWN STREET,

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"Poor Colonel Dunbar," she said, with her old mischievous smile, when a few hours later we had wandered from the heated rooms into the cool, dim verandah. "How I pity you to night, to think that, having estaped being shot or starved, you should after all be the victim of a blighted affection."

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